

By: McClendon

H.B. No. 668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the members of the Texas Transportation Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 201.051(a) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas Transportation Commission consists of five [~~three~~] members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

(c) Appointments to the commission shall be made so that each geographic area of the state is represented on the commission. Each member of the commission must represent the general public.

SECTION 2. Section 201.052, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.052. TERMS. Members of the commission serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of either one or two members [~~one member's term~~] expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year in accordance with Section 30a, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3. Promptly after this Act takes effect, the governor shall appoint two additional members to the Texas Transportation Commission. Of those members, the governor shall appoint one to serve a term expiring February 1, 2005, and one to serve a term expiring February 1, 2007.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act in the

1 qualifications of members of the Texas Transportation Commission do
2 not affect the entitlement of a member serving on the commission
3 immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to
4 carry out the commission's functions for the remainder of the
5 member's term. The changes in law apply only to a member appointed
6 on or after the effective date of this Act. This Act does not
7 prohibit a person who is a member of the commission on the effective
8 date of this Act from being reappointed to the commission if the
9 person has the qualifications required for a member under Section
10 201.051, *Transportation Code*, as amended by this Act.

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.